



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Agenda

### Town Council

45 Fort Hill Road  
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*Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Peter J. Bartinik, Jr., Natalie Burfoot Billing, Heather Sherman Bond, Catherine Kolnaski, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Paulann H. Sheets, Thomas J. Skrmetti, and Elissa T. Wright.*

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### REGULAR MEETING

#### I. ROLL CALL

#### II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2004-0286 Proclamation Recognizing the Woman of the Year -  
Mistick River Business and Professional Women Inc.

Proclamation - TC

#### PUBLIC HEARING

#### Recess for Public Hearing on:

2004-0280 Public Hearing to Consider Alterations to Sandy Hollow  
Road - Scenic Road

Resolution

#### IV. CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to ten minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

#### V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

#### VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

##### a. Approval of Minutes

2004-0303 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council of October 5, 2004 are hereby accepted and approved.

##### b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2004-0292 Parent Child Center Grant

Referral

2004-0122 Recognition of Military Troops

Referral

2004-0291 Groton Education Foundation Grant for  
Intergenerational Program

Referral

2004-0294	New Terms for Ledge Light Health District Board Members	Referral
2004-0281	Groton Community Events Fund	Referral
2004-0289	Reauthorization of Funding and Authorization of Additional Funding for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	Referral
2004-0301	Appointment of Sylvia Madden to the Housing Authority	Resolution
2004-0302	Appointment of Russell Sergeant to Zoning Commission	Resolution

**c. Special Trust Fund Contributions**

2004-0296	Special Trust Fund Contributions	Resolution - Consent
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Sunshine Chorus - \$25.00 - Senior Center Discretionary

Tap Dancers - \$25.00 - Senior Center Discretionary

**VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)**

- a. Town Councilors
- b. Representative Town Meeting
- c. Clerk of the Council
- d. Town Manager
- e. Town Attorney

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Billing
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Bond
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski
- d. Environment & Recreation - Chairman Sheets
- e. Finance - Chairman Wright
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman O'Beirne
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Skrmetti
- h. Public Works - Chairman Bartinik
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

2004-0122	Recognition of Military Troops	Referral
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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR GROTON'S SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MILITARY TROOPS

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2004, a packaging event was held at Fitch High School, where a large

number of volunteers sorted donated care package items and packed more than 180 boxes that were mailed to troops overseas, and

WHEREAS, by early January, following the winter holidays, donations of all kinds typically decline, and therefore the Town Manager's Office would like to accept donations for another mailing event to be held at the end of January, 2005, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council expresses its appreciation for the awesome work and initiative of Nicki Bresnayan, Executive Assistant in the Office of the Town Manager, for organizing and managing the massive donation project during the spring and summer of this year, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council expresses great pride, admiration and gratitude for the multitude of donors who contributed goods and money and for the multitude of volunteers who helped sort and pack the donations for shipment overseas, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council endorses and supports the next military assistance effort and urges citizens to be ready for further detailed announcements as we approach January, 2005.

**Legislative History**

3/18/2004 Mayor Referred Town Council Community & Cult

10/12/2004 Town Council Community & Cultural Development Committee Recommended for a Resolution

**2004-0291 Groton Education Foundation Grant for Intergenerational Program Referral**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE GROTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Groton Education Foundation provides grants for seed money to advance projects based on ideas from teachers and other educators, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Senior Center and the Claude Chester Elementary School have engaged in intergenerational educational experiences for students and seniors, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a grant of \$800 from the Groton Education Foundation for an intergenerational program titled "For a Greener Groton" to increase awareness of local ecology and a clean community environment.

**Legislative History**

9/28/2004 Mayor Referred Town Council Finance Committee

10/12/2004 Town Council Finance Committee Recommended for a Resolution

**2004-0294 New Terms for Ledge Light Health District Board Members Referral**

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has re-established staggered three-year terms for the Town's appointees to the Ledge Light Health District, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint or reappoint board members to terms of differing lengths in order to establish a staggered schedule of future term expirations, and

WHEREAS, all current terms expire on November 10, 2004, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following reappointments shall be effective as of November 10, 2004:

For a term expiring 11/10/05, Dr. Howard Root  
 For terms expiring 11/10/06, Jackie Massett and Dr. Steven B. Carlow  
 For a term expiring 11/10/07, Catherine Kolnaski

**Legislative History**

10/6/2004	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Personnel/Appointr
10/12/2004	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

**2004-0281      Groton Community Events Fund      Referral**

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE GROTON COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton needs to provide start-up money for the Groton Tercentennial Celebration, and

WHEREAS, there is currently a fund balance of \$18,000 from previous appropriations to the Community Events Fund, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the amount of \$43,000 is hereby appropriated to be spent from the Community Events Fund, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount of \$25,000 is hereby transferred from General Contingency (Function 1074) to the Groton Community Events Fund (10774).

Refer to RTM.

**Legislative History**

9/21/2004	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
10/12/2004	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

*Director of Finance Sal Pandolfo noted this is a two-part request. First, although the Town Council appropriated \$25,000 to this fund, the transfer from the General Fund was never made so Mr. Pandolfo is requesting a transfer from General Contingency. The second request is to increase the funding to \$43,000, with the difference coming from this fund's fund balance.*

*Councilor Billing spoke with Duncan Stoddard, who indicated they would not need any additional funds because they would be doing fundraising. The Town Manager explained that the funds have been set aside for this purpose, but they haven't been authorized for expenditure. Mr. Stoddard is indicating that the funds that have already been set aside are sufficient.*

10/12/2004	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Motion
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*that this matter be Recommended for a Resolution*

**2004-0289      Reauthorization of Funding and Authorization of  
Additional Funding for Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Upgrade      Referral**

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND EXTENDING APPROPRIATION FOR ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FACILITY.

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton (the "Town") approved Ordinance No. 233 at referendum on

November 5, 1996, which appropriated \$10,388,000 and authorized borrowing in the same amount for additions and improvements to the Water Pollution Control Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Town approved Ordinance No. 242 at referendum on May 23, 2000, which appropriated an additional \$5,112,000 for the project and included in the project facilities to remove nitrogen from the wastewater and authorized borrowing in the same amount, for an aggregate appropriation and borrowing authorization of \$15,500,000;

WHEREAS, Section 8.4.5 of the Charter provides that any appropriation for construction or other permanent improvement which has not been completely expended at the end of five years from the date thereof shall thereupon lapse;

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has reported that the additions and improvements to the Water Pollution Control Facility for which said appropriation was made cannot reasonably be completed, and the entire amount of said appropriation cannot be expended by the end of five years from the effective date of the last appropriating ordinance and has recommended that said appropriation be extended by reappropriating that portion of the \$15,500,000 which has not been expended on the effective date of this resolution;

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has certified that whatever portion of said appropriation is extended may be financed by grants and Town general obligation bonds previously approved;

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has recommended that the Town approve an additional appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the Water Pollution Control Facility project to be funded from a State grant, and the Director of Finance has certified that the State grant funds will be applied to fund the additional appropriation;

WHEREAS, the State has authorized in Section 40 of Public Act No. 04-1, May 2004 Special Session, an additional grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the Town's Water Pollution Control Facility additions and improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town to continue the Town's Water Pollution Control Facility additions and improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That any portion of said \$15,500,000 appropriation which has not been expended on the effective date of this resolution shall be extended and reappropriated, provided that the total amount expended as of the effective date of this resolution, pursuant to said appropriation under Ordinance No. 233 and Ordinance No. 242, plus the portion which is reappropriated shall not exceed \$15,500,000; and

(b) That the appropriation and reappropriation for the Water Pollution Control Facility project approved in Ordinance Nos. 233 and 242 be increased by an additional \$2,000,000 for an aggregate appropriation of \$17,500,000, that said increase be funded from the State grant authorized by Public Act No. 04-1, and that said grants authorized by Public Act No. 04-1 be applied to fund said additional appropriation and not to reduce the \$15,500,000 borrowing authorization for the project.

Refer to RTM

**Legislative History**

9/28/2004	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
10/12/2004	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2004-0301	Appointment of Sylvia Madden to the Housing Authority		Resolution

## RESOLUTION APPOINTING SYLVIA MADDEN TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLVED, that Sylvia C. Madden, 67 Governor's Circle, is appointed to the Housing Authority for a term ending 7/31/09.

Legislative History

10/12/2004	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
2004-0302	Appointment of Russell Sergeant to Zoning Commission	Resolution

## RESOLUTION APPOINTING RUSSELL SERGEANT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ZONING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Russell E. Sergeant, 3B Rowland Street, Mystic, is appointed as an alternate member of the Zoning Commission for a term ending 9/30/07.

Legislative History

10/12/2004	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
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**XI. OTHER BUSINESS****XII. ADJOURNMENT**